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NEWS ++++++++++++++++++++++++++

We'll get it there by Christmas! Free 2-3 day upgrades on shipping until December 20. (USA orders only; does not include electric transformers and related products, including adapters.)

If you have special instructions, such as "Do Not Open Until Christmas" to be included on the mailing label, let us know by entering the information in the comments box of the online order form.

WALKABOUT: CHRISTMAS ISLAND(S) (Part two of two.)
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CHRISTMAS ISLANDS+++++++

There are actually two Christmas Islands; one about three hours south of Hawaii via airplane, and one by Indonesia on the Indian Ocean side.

Christmas Island Two ++++++++

The "other" Christmas Island is located in the Indian Ocean south of Indonesia. It is an Australian territory, with English being the primary language. The island is small and sparsely populated, with approximately 2,000 residents. William Mynors, a British East India Company captain, was the first European to encounter the island when he sailed past it on December 25, 1643, and of course named it after Christmas Day.

There are nice beaches, most accessible by only four wheel drive vehicles, excellent reefs, and tropical rain forests. The only industry on the island was sporadic phosphate mining until recently, when it was decided to pursue that other industry that all islands with limited resources eventually pursue